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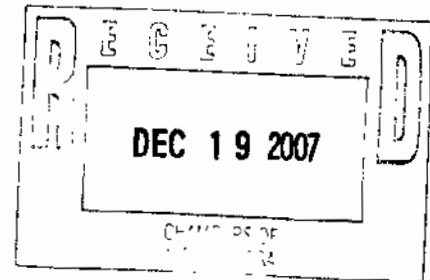
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December 18, 2007

BY HAND

The Honorable Thomas P. Griesa
United States District Judge
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street, Room 1630
New York, New York 10007



Re: **United States v. Michael G. Rivera,**
07 Cr. 1051 (TPG)

Dear Judge Griesa:

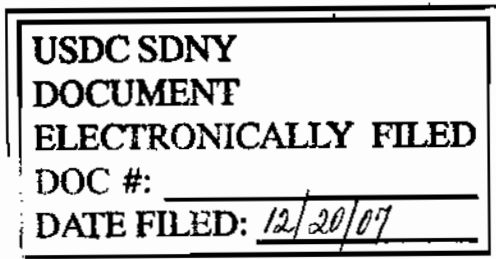
The Government respectfully writes to request that the Court exclude time in the above-referenced action, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(h)(8)(A), from today until the next scheduled conference on Thursday, January 3, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. Such an exclusion will serve the ends of justice and outweighs the interests of the defendant and the public in a speedy trial because, among other reasons, it will enable the defense to review discovery materials produced by the Government and to contemplate any motions, and the parties to discuss a possible disposition of this matter. The Government has spoken to counsel for the defendant, Mark Gombiner, Esq. of Federal Defenders, and he has consented to the exclusion of time until January 3.

Respectfully submitted,

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